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ENFORCEMENT ACTION

Kevin Lee Jonker and Allen Whitt

An investigation by the Board for Geologists and Geophysicists (BGG) has led to the convictions in San Bernardino County Superior Court of two men on charges of obtaining money by false pretenses (pursuant to P.C. 532(A)). The Board's inquiry concluded that Kevin Lee Jonker and Allen Whitt had practiced geophysics without a license. A third individual, Richard Van Blaricom, surrendered his geophysicist's license on April 25 as a result of the same investigation (see previous Enforcement Action posting).

The Board's investigation concluded that in April 1999, Van Blaricom signed his name and stamped a groundwater supply survey report for the Joshua Basin Water District near Palm Springs that was in fact prepared by Jonker and Whitt. Neither was licensed to practice geophysics for others. State law prohibits licensees of the BGG from signing and using their Registered Geophysicist stamp on reports they do not supervise or prepare themselves.

The court ordered Jonker and Whitt to each pay \$4,500 to the Board as a condition of their criminal probation. Jonker and Whitt must pay the fines by March 1, 2003.

The case was closed on June 6, 2002.